

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE MANUAL	
	Chapter 12: Foster Family Home Licensing	Effective Date: March 1, 2007
	Section 6: Medical Training Requirements	Version: 1

POLICY

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will require resource parent applicant(s) and licensee(s) to complete a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, and Universal Precautions training prior to initial licensure. Additionally, each course must be current at the time of relicensure, every four (4) years, in order to maintain a foster home license.

Code References

N/A

PROCEDURE

The licensing worker or Resource and Adoption Parent Training (RAPT) Coordinator will ensure that training accepted for credit meets the minimum requirements of these guidelines:

1. Certified program on pediatric CPR and pediatric airway obstruction under the [American Heart Association](#) guidelines or any other comparable course that provides the required training. Differences in steps and techniques of CPR used for adults, children, and infants. [American Heart Association](#), [American Red Cross](#), [American Safety and Health Institute](#), [Medic First Aid/Pediatric First Aid](#) (adult, child and infant CPR inclusive), [National Safety Council](#), and [Heartsaver CPR](#) state that they adhere to American Heart's Basic Course guidelines. On-line, internet based courses are not acceptable;
2. First Aid training must include first aid for seizures, poisoning, and hemorrhaging. If care is to be provided for infants, first aid for shock must also be covered. Any nationally accredited agency that provides First Aid Training to public and private agencies is acceptable. On-line, internet based courses are not acceptable; and
3. Universal Precautions training must cover blood-borne pathogens which include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and the transmission of communicable diseases. Any nationally accredited agency that provides Universal Precautions training to public and private agencies such as [American Red Cross](#) and [American Heart Association](#) is acceptable. The trainer must be certified. On-line, internet based courses are not acceptable.

The foster family home applicant or licensee will submit a copy of their training certificate of completion to their licensing worker.

Exception: Prior medical training received as part of applicant's profession (e.g. Medical Doctor (M.D.), Registered Nurse (R.N.), paramedic, etc) may replace the training requirements upon the approval of a variance by the Central Office Licensing Unit. See separate policy, [12.20 Variances](#).

The licensing worker will:

1. Ensure an updated Red Cross first aid manual or its equivalent is available in the home upon licensure and relicensure;
2. Enter medical training completion in the Indiana Child Welfare Information System in the resource module "Training" screen; and
3. Maintain copies of certificates and documentation supporting completion of training.

PRACTICE GUIDANCE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

The following can provide additional information and resources:

1. [American Heart Association](#)
2. [American Red Cross](#)
3. [American Safety and Health Institute](#)
4. [Medic First Aid/Pediatric First Aid](#)
5. [National Safety Council](#)
6. [Heartsaver CPR](#)